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NEWS SUMMARY: Winnebago County Sentenced to Prison for Drug Conspiracy and Money Laundering

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced today that Neenah resident Logan S. Heinrich (DOB: 6/12/82) was sentenced in federal court this week to 42 months in prison on one count of conspiring to distribute 50 kilograms or more of marijuana and three counts of money laundering. The sentencing occurred March 21, 2007, before United States District Judge William C. Griesbach, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Green Bay Division.

The investigation revealed that between approximately April 2004 and December 2005, Heinrich distributed approximately 80-100 kilograms of high grade marijuana in the Fox River Valley which he obtained from sources in Minnesota and California. Heinrich used the cash proceeds from the drug distribution to purchase three Lexus automobiles totaling over \$106,000. Those vehicles, along with another vehicle, a boat, and \$65,000 in cash were seized from Heinrich and forfeited to the government. Investigators also seized over ½ kilogram of psilocybin mushrooms and 3/4 kilogram of marijuana from Heinrich.

Heinrich used drug money to purchase the three Lexus automobiles, and those cash transactions were the basis for his money laundering convictions. As to each purchase, Heinrich and his designees traveled to multiple branches of the same bank, buying multiple \$1,000 money orders. Some of those transactions were only separated by minutes, and all of them were done with the intent to avoid the bank's statutory obligation to report the cash transactions.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration–Green Bay Division, the Internal Revenue Service–Green Bay Division, the Lake Winnebago Metropolitan Drug Unit, the Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation, and the Calumet County Sheriff's Department. The case was prosecuted by the Green Bay Division of the United States Attorney's Office.

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